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General Comment

I, Charles W. Eberly 2634 Amberly Rd Harrisonburg, VA am a Self-Employed Farmer in the Shenandoah Valley of VA. I, as a farmer have been doing many conservation practices for the past many years, and following BMP's. I care about Clean water and it is vital to my farm for drinking as it is to many people in the Bay watershed. We farmers have implemented many BMP's in the State and continue to do so. I value Conservation and feel the Valley Farmers have done a great job in reducing the TMDL for the Bay over the past 25 years. Great reductions in Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and sediment have been met. Further mandates and burdensome regulations will threaten the livelihood of my farm operation. Before EPA decides to move forward with this oppressive action Please remember where your Food comes from unless you want to export all our food for this Country. Just remember a Country is as strong as its Agriculture! Don't forfeit our Country, Agriculture, and Farms for the sake of stiff mandates, costly Regulations and Bureaucratic Suicide. The proposed TMDL computer model does not take into account the many conservation practices such as nutrient management plans that farmers have already implemented. The model does not account for Best Management Practices already in place. Also, forty-five days is not long enough public comment period for a regulatory action of this magnitude. I do think this regulatory system will limit economic growth in Virginia well beyond the farmer and the Agriculture community if implemented. In this trying time of Recession, don't eliminate jobs by destroying our already fragile economy. AS a Farmer, Conservationists, and an American, please use Facts and Common Sense Before you Destroy Agriculture and the Family Farm in this Great Nation. I trust you will want to eat today and tomorrow. Respectfully Submitted, Charles Eberly